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Student Activity Fees Allocated

The Student Activity Fee Board is that body on campus which decides how our student activity fees are allocated. The board is made up of the secretary/treasurer from student government - Michelle Graff; one student appointed by Student Government - Gina Shay; three students appointed by Tom Lease, Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs - Donna Van Booven, George Herman, and Stanley Roth; one faculty representative - Dan Larson; one staff representative - Sister Mary Margaret Higgins and the Director of Student Development - Gary Morgan. Morgan serves only as chairperson and is not a voting member.

The process of allocating Student Activity Fees (SAF) is as follows:

Each campus agency wanting to receive SAF must submit a request form to the Office of Student Life.

The SAF board will meet and review each request. They will then make preliminary allocations.

These Preliminary allocations will be sent to each requesting agency.

Agencies will have the option of appealing these allocations before the SAF Board. The deadline for requesting an appeal hearing is noon on April 24.

If there are any appeals, these hearings will be the next step. If there are not any appeals, the preliminary allocations become final.

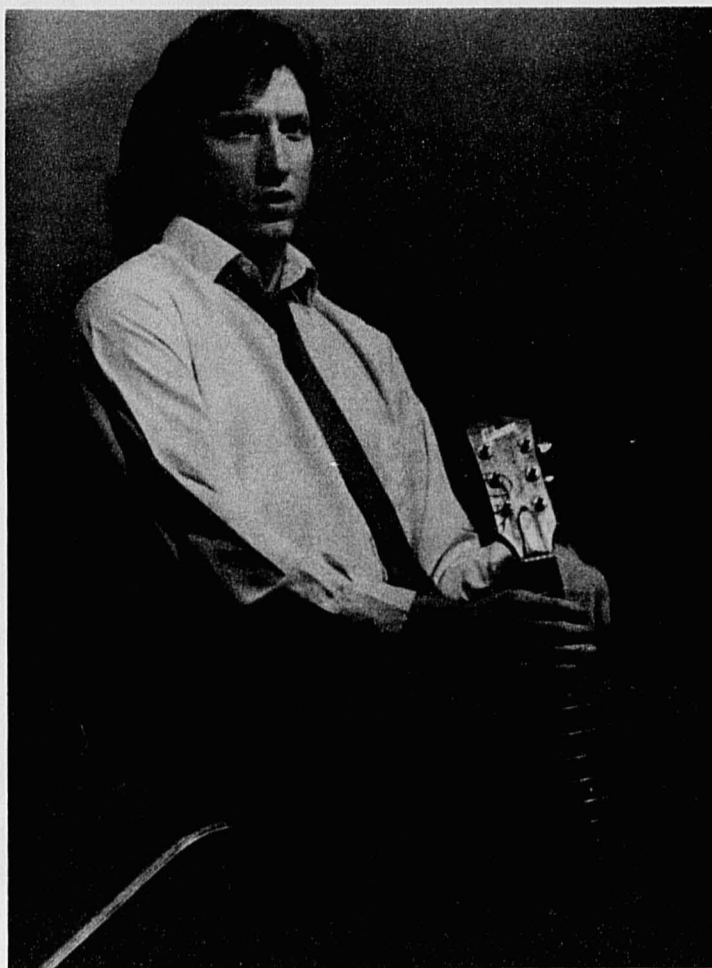
Final allocation recommendations are distributed to Tom Lease, Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs.

The last step is the allocations are released to the agencies.

This year's preliminary allocation recommendations are:

Agency	Preliminary Rec.
Athletics Co-curr. support	\$600
Avila Anthem	\$1,500
Avila Examiner	\$3,900
Avila Family Day	\$1,500
Campus Ministry	
Co-curr. supp.	\$600
Central Supplies	\$450
Cheerleaders	\$750
Clubs/Organizations	\$2,550
Homecoming 1987	\$600
Intramural Program	\$5,000
Leadership Dev.	\$550
New Student Orient.	\$2,500
Student Government	\$1,900
Student ID Program	\$500
Student Life Handbook	\$1,500
Student Life Supp. Pro.	\$1,000
S.U.B.-Dances	\$2,700
S.U.B.-Films	\$6,050
S.U.B.-General	\$1,870
S.U.B.-Lecture	0
S.U.B.-Promotions	\$1,480
S.U.B.-Spec. Events	\$5,300
Theatre Co-curr. support	\$600
Thornhill Art Gallery	
Co-curr. Supp.	\$600
Total	\$44,000

Appeal hearings may be requested through the Office of Student Life. Requests must be made on or before noon, April 24, 1987.



Dave Wopat, appearing at Avila on April 30. See story page 3.

Telethon to Reach Past, Potential Contributors

by Jeff Barker

"I'm really excited about working with students in order to help Avila." Those were the words of John Thomas of the Avila Advancement Office. Through the end of April, Thomas, along with teams of students and faculty, will begin calling alumni and friends of Avila in hopes that they will support the school on a continuing basis through donations. Thomas hopes to repeat the successes of past telethons and make improvements for the future. About 10,000 letters have been sent to potential and past contributors in this three million dollar campaign. The Advancement Office hopes to match the \$244,000 Goppert Challenge by June.

The four person teams who will make the calls will be composed of 80 to 100 volunteers, about half of whom are expected to be students. Six or seven faculty and alumni teams are also being organized. The telethon will take place on eight nights, from April 21-23, and from April 26-30. Each person will work one night. The first priority in calling will be past contributors, followed by alumni and friends of the institution. It is hoped that 70 percent of these people will be reached during the telethon.

Thomas emphasized that the telethon and direct mailings must work hand-in-hand. "We must increase our donor base," said Thomas. "And to do that, we first have to get them in the front door." The mailings alone have been fairly successful, generating 20 to 30 gifts per day. Persons making these pledges will be acknowledged during the telethon with a thank-you call.

The Advancement Office also wants to make sure that they show their appreciation to volunteers involved in the telethon. There will be competition among teams and all participants will receive one free movie pass. After the telethon is completed, phone operators will be treated to a pizza party.

So far, Thomas is pleased with the response to this latest fund drive. "Many institutions are doing this type of thing. It is an important component in development programs," said Thomas. He said that these kinds of efforts will increase in the future, possibly expanding to spring and fall telethons. Currently, the Advancement Office is in a building program, hoping to increase contact with contributors and alumni. "We want to upgrade alumni publications and listen to their concerns about the college," Thomas added. His office is responsible for fundraising, alumni records and services, and the public relations tools needed to carry out these programs.

Student Senate Candidates Chosen

by Sandra Campbell

The annual process of selecting new officers for the Student Senate has begun. Applicants for Student Senate were due Friday, April 10, said Tom Lease, Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs, who is responsible for the programs. "Student Senate is an organization primarily charged by the college with facilitating student input into management and operation of the college," said Lease. In order to be a candidate for the Senate, an applicant must have at least a 2.5 grade point average. If elected, he or she must serve on at least one other college committee in addition to meeting with the faculty in department meetings to provide input and open channels for communication with students in that department. The following are this year's candidates and a brief statement from each:



Michelle Graff, Sophomore, Psychology/Political Science Major, Candidate for: President

Previous Campus Activities: Health Fair, RHA-Social Program Chairperson, RHA Representative for ACSH (freshman year), ACSG-Secretary/Treasurer, Intramurals, Mock Trial Team.

"My biggest goal for next year's Senate is to increase communication between Senators and their constituents, as well as increase student involvement in Student Government."



Charlene Hermann, Freshman, Business Personnel Major, Candidate For: Secretary Treasurer

Previous Campus Activities: Student Senate Intern, Cheerleader, Intramurals, SUB member, Assistant Coordinator Public Relations, Avila Activities Hotline, helped serve in Donor's Dinner.

"I believe I could bring new and fresh ideas for campus activities and present both minutes and other information necessary for meetings in accurate and organized form. I feel I could also bring other students into the Senate."



Maria Hess, Sophomore, Special Education Major, Candidate For: Secretary Treasurer

Previous Campus Activities: Intramurals, Avila Ambassador, Student Orientation Leader, RHA.

"As a member of the Senate, I would try to get the students of Avila more involved in activities. I would also help students become more aware of the activities that Student Government are responsible for."



James Edward Alexander, First Semester Senior, Business Administration-Legal Assistant Major, Candidate For: Business Senator

Previous Campus Activities: Black History Month Choir, Minority Affairs Committee Member, Yearbook Editor-in-Chief, Legal Assistant Society-VP, Avila College Ambassador, Orientation Leader, Cheerleader Coach.

"I will make the people in my department (the majors) aware that they are truly a very important part of the school, be a liaison between the Business Department and Business Majors, and keep the Business Majors informed."



Traci Stirnaman, Sophomore, Business Information Science Major, Candidate For: Business/Economics Senator

Previous Campus Activities: Intramurals, RHA, Computer Science Tutor.

"Next year, I would like to make my first priority the student involvement in Avila activities. I want to encourage the other students to be more alert to what is happening on campus and encourage others to attend these activities and have fun."

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Avila Acknowledges Honor Students

by Patrick C. Wood

Avila's first annual honors banquet will be held on May 2. The banquet will acknowledge honor students who achieved the 1986 Spring and Fall Dean's List.

Steve Thornhill, Senior, Biology Major, and member of the Honors Banquet Committee, is credited with initiating the idea of having a banquet. "Avila honors its athletes . . . there needs to be a little more honor for the academically successful—other than listing their names in the Avila Examiner."

The gala will begin with an evening mass in Foyle Chapel, followed by a reception and dinner in Marian Centre. Dinner speakers will include the President of Avila College, Dr. Larry Kramer, a corporate sponsor, and selected students. The evening will conclude with a performance of Avila College's musical review, **Lincoln Center To Broadway**, in Goppert Theatre.

"The banquet is Avila's way of showing its appreciation for those students who worked hard to excel academically. We figured we would start at a smaller level and work on incorporating the acknowledgement of student leaders next year," said Chris Rader, Senior, Business Major, and Honors Banquet Committee member.

Student Government is Making Things Happen

by Brian Smugala

Student Government has been busy lately tending to various issues brought up at the student forum held March 3.

The issues brought up ranged from non-smoking areas in the dorm lounges to alcohol on campus for those over 21.

Cindy Cook, Student Government President, feels that an open forum is a great way to get a feel for what student reactions are to specific issues. Cook adds, "that it is important to know how the students feel in order to be an effective student government."

The following are the results of the student forum, which was arranged by the Avila Student Government and facilitated by Cook.

Concerns Given to the Resident Housing Association:

Open-door policy
Heat in bathrooms
Drafty windows with old curtains
Painting in the lounges
No-smoking areas
Stand-up urinals
Food service
Intercom system
Security system on doors
VCR's for lounges
Availability of cleaning supplies

Actions taken:

Tom Lease has been working to set up no-smoking lounges in O'Reilly and Whitfield.

Representatives from the Senate have notified food service about specific complaints.

A phone service will be set up in the Fall of 1987 to replace the current system.

The rugs were removed from the dorm lobbies so that the door can no longer be propped open.

Representatives from the Senate are checking on the legality of having VCR's in the lounges.

Questions About Specific Events:

Formal Dance has been moved to May 8th

SUB movies
Intramurals for Spring-Softball and Swimming at YMCA
No ASNO dance this Spring
Homecoming and Parent/Family Weekend
Sinbad-April 8th

Actions Taken:

A new permanent screen was set up in Marian Centre to show SUB movies on.

A committee including Tom Lease, Gary Morgan, Cindy Cook, and Debbie Wernsman has been set up to plan Homecoming events for 1987 and a Parent/Family Weekend to be held in the Spring of 1988.

The Senate sent a formal recommendation to SUB about Sinbad tickets. SUB altered the previous policy and students were allowed to purchase four guest tickets after March 23.

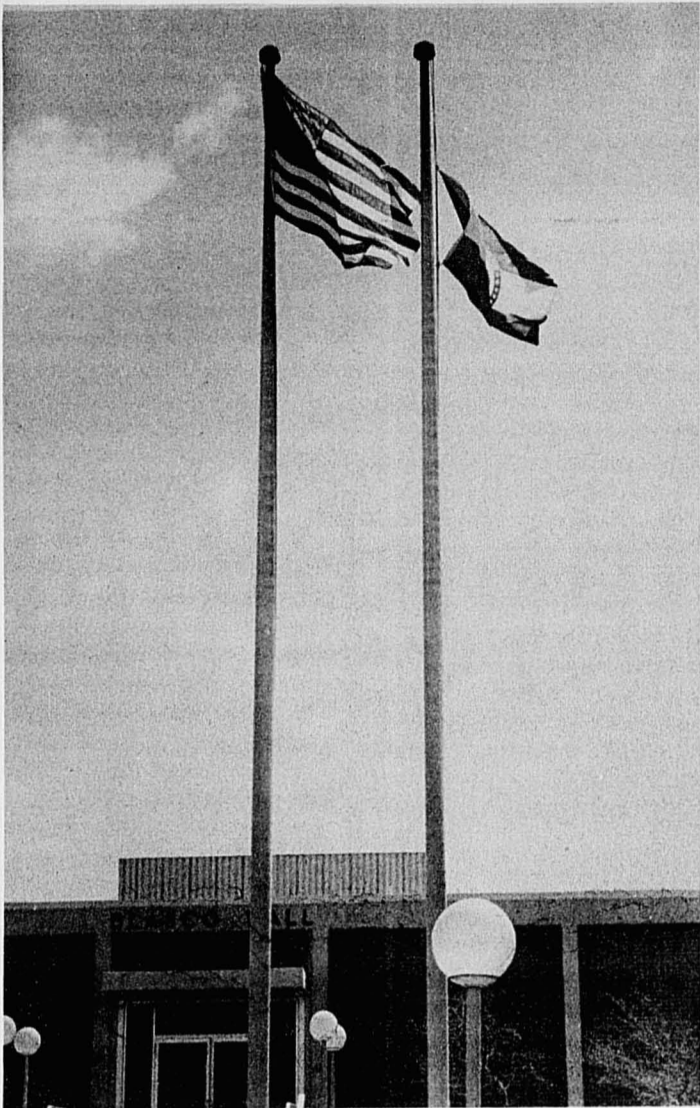
Concerns Being Looked at by the Senate:

Alcohol on campus for students over 21
Communication between organizations
Lack of spirit
Weekend activities to keep students on campus

Healthy Lifestyles

So far we've told you about Wellness and how healthy lifestyles will help you get more enjoyment from your life. We mentioned those health factors that cannot be completely controlled such as age, sex, heredity and environment, and those health factors that we can control such as diet, exercise, rest, stress, bad habits, and attitude. We also stated that one's lifestyle is the key to wellness; healthy habits produce healthy people while unhealthy habits create unhealthy and unhappy people.

Exercise and physical activity are methods we incorporate into our lifestyles to insure a healthy state of well-being. Even though exercise and physical activity may seem to be the same, they are different in their intent and intensity. Exercise is a planned, focused event that emphasizes concentrated muscle use while improving or maintaining current physical health. Most physicians recommend at least 30



Red, White, and Blue

by Chrissy Effertz

Do you ever lay awake at night not being able to sleep? Do you find yourself singing the National Anthem while walking around on campus? Do the colors red, white, and blue mean anything to you? If so, then read on.

Every morning around 7:30 a.m., two flags are raised on the Avila campus. One, of course, is the American flag. The other one is the Missouri flag. These two flags can be found on the poles in front of Blasco Hall.

Now I bet your curiosity has risen to the point where you wonder "who" raises the flag? Well, hold your breath!" Thanks to Allen Rogers, part of the Maintenance and Grounds Crew here at Avila College, the flag is raised every morning, Monday through Friday.

So, why all the fuss over the flag? There's no particular reason, but just to bring attention to someone and to give credit where credit is due. So, next time you pass Blasco Hall, show a little patriotism towards the "Red, White, and Blue" and think of Allen Rogers.

Dennis Allen Searches For Stars At Avila

by Sandra Campbell

Dennis Allen, former star of the Laugh-In comedy television series and former host between movies on Kansas City's TV 41, is looking to Avila for new talent to star in a TV pilot. Allen, who recently started his own production company here, will be auditioning students in the Avila TV Studio, in lower O'Reilly, at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 23, 1987.

"This can possibly lead to a regular role on national television," said Bill Covington, assistant professor and coordinator of communication studies. "Those who plan to audition need to bring two minutes of comedy or serious material to perform on camera," said Covington.

Students interested in auditioning should sign up in the TV studio or theatre department before the auditions begin.

For more information about the auditions, which are open to Avila students only, contact Bill Covington, extension 291.

Eric Schmidt - Senior Piano Recital

Faculty, staff, students, parents and friends are invited to the Gopert Theatre on the evening of Friday, May 8, to hear the Senior Recital of Eric Schmidt.

Eric has attended Avila for four years and on May 16th he will receive his B.A. degree with a double major of piano and psychology.

After graduation he will pursue his career in psychology. He is enrolled in the Master's Program at Avila, and will continue to study piano. During his four years of undergraduate study, his piano teachers have been Cynthia Hukill and Sister de La Salle. The program, which begins at 8:00 p.m. is as follows:

PROGRAM	
I	*****
Sonata in C minor, Op. 13 (Pathetic)..... Beethoven	
Grave; Allegro molto e con brio	
Adagio cantabile	
Rondo	
II	*****
Nocturne, Op. 15, No. 2..... Chopin	
Ballade in F Major, Op. 38..... Chopin	
INTERMISSION	
III	*****
Prelude, Op. 3, No. 2..... Rachmaninoff	
Two Bagatelles, Op. 5..... Tchaikovsky	
No. 3 in D Major	
No. 10 in C minor	
Prelude from Pour le Piano..... Debussy	
IV	*****
Three Preludes..... Krumpholtz	
Allegro scherzando	
Lento, nello stile di un chorale	
Allegro con fuoco	

Videos For Cash

by Ken Dudzik

Videos for cash, that's the name of the game for three Avila College students who have taken their video tape production knowledge to the bank with them.

Avila students Jeff Barker, Dana Cooley, and Debbie Amos are all enrolled in the Producing and Directing class in Avila's Communication department and have taken their experience one step farther. These students are involved in the producing of video projects for different groups. Each production is a 30-45 minute video. Most of them will be used for training or educational purposes by each group. The groups involved are Swope Park-

way Mental Health Center, St. Elizabeth's Church, and the Section 8 Federal Housing Project, which is run by the government.

Bill Covington, head of the communication department, sounded very excited about the students' progress. "This is great experience for the students and in the long run it will benefit them greatly."

The students are not only getting paid for their videos, but they are also using them for class credit.

This type of hands-on experience will definitely help those involved after they graduate and is also a good start on their job resumes.

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Broadway Comes to Avila

The very popular and exciting **Lincoln Center to Broadway** production will be given for the fifth time this spring with its opening on April 24, followed by performances on the 25th, May 1 and 2 at the Goppert Theatre at 8 p.m. **Lincoln Center** began some six years ago with an idea from Sr. De LaSalle McKeon. The production is the vehicle to showcase Avila students in music, song and dance. From the original production of a one-evening performance, the popularity of the show determined its inclusion in the season theatrical presentations. Consequently, this spring will be the first time **Lincoln Center to Broadway** has been included as a full-scale production in the 86-87 season.

This year's presentation centers around a story line of a tour guide and a tour group from Avila College, which in addition to touring the New York theatres, will present two of their own song and dance routines as part of the final festivities of the American Theatre Association Festival in New York City. Cast for **Lincoln Center** includes the Avila College Choir, music students, theatre and musical theatre students, and members of the dance department, as well as guest dancers and choreographers. It is an evening of song and dance guided by the tour group in their fast trek through the New York City theatre district.

Some of the dances featured will be "Hot Lunch" from **Fame**, "Stepping Out" by Pat Rico, and "Danger Zone" by Kenny Loggins. Musical

numbers will include "In the Still of the Night," "The Ballad of Sweeney Todd," "Steal Me, Sweet Thief" from opera **The Old Maid and the Thief** by Menotti, to medleys from **Me and My Gal** and the Barcarolle from **Tales of Hoffman**. We will also be treated to a Ballade, Opus No. 38 by Chopin, performed by Eric Schmidt.

The coordinator of the program, William J. Louis, will be assisted by the music coordinator and director of the Avila College Choir, Daniel Larson, and musical and dance faculties. The choreography will be done by Reggie Jones, the Avila instructor, guest choreographer Paula Chappell, and the Avila musical theatre students Marya Anne Ripperger and Francesca Pascolini. Staging of vocal numbers has been done by William J. Louis, and the tour group script and staging of that group have been done by the tour group in connection with the coordinator, William J. Louis. The costume designer is Carl Miller. The lighting design was done by Avila student, Patti Mudd, while her namesake, Patty McGeary, is the scenic designer. Justin Larson will serve as stage manager, with Avila instructor James Blackwood as technical director. Pre-show music will be furnished in the lobby by Sr. DeLaSalle McKeon.

The evening promises to be an innovative, well-crafted, exhilarating evening, and all are urged to attend. With the Avila policy of no advance reservations or reserved seats, all are urged to arrive by 7:30 on the night of their choice:

April 24 and 25, May 1 and 2. Curtain is 8 p.m. All Avila faculty, staff and students are admitted free. Adults are \$6; students and senior citizens are \$5. Tickets may be picked up on the night of your choice at 6 p.m., the opening of the box office on performance days.

Lent, 1987 - Is an Insightful Lent

by Mike McCollow

This year's lenten period has been a special one for the people at Avila due to the work of Father Mike Zahorchak, and Sister Pat Gillespie, both of whom are campus ministers.

Two distinct types of Lenten

Devotions were scheduled. On Mondays, from 4:30-5:00 p.m., there was an Inter-faith service in Whitfield Center. This devotion consisted of praying, singing and sharing centered around some of the "I AM" sayings of Jesus.

On Wednesday afternoons, from 4:00-4:45 p.m., there was a Communion Service cum lecture. "How can we build a better world" was the theme of these devotions. Some of the topics discussed were: migrant workers, Central America, working with the handicapped and battered women.

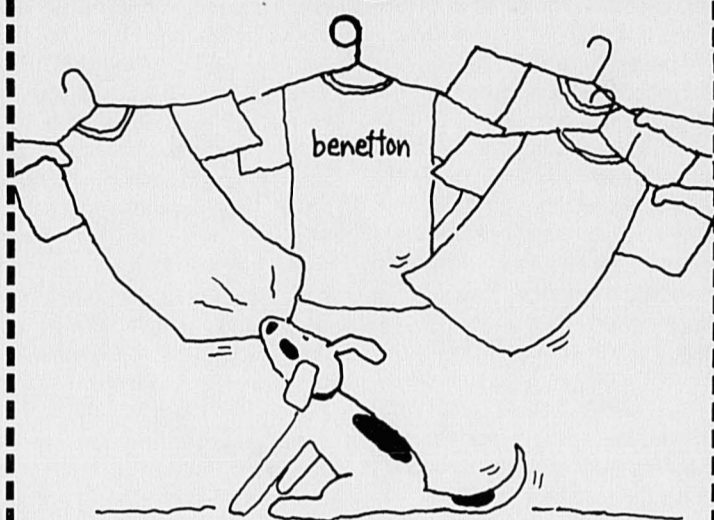
One of the highlights of these devotions dealt with the April 8 devotion when Karen O'Briend, director of the Johnson County Association for Battered Persons spoke about the plight of both battered women and their children.

In connection with this talk, there was a drive for items which would be of use to these women, who are forced to leave home without the basic necessities.

Marlene Mohs, of Admissions, who works with battered women on weekends was the head of the drive. The people of Avila — faculty, staff and students — responded so well that 7 boxes were presented to Karen O'Briend at the Lenten service. Special praises should be given to the people in charge of this particular Lenten Devotion.

Hopefully, the insights gained from both types of Lenten devotions will be an asset in strengthening the Avila community's relationship to God and to their fellow man.

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Candidates, Cont'd. from pg. 1



Shannon Ennis, Junior, Chemistry Major, Candidate For: Natural and Allied Health Science and Mathematics Senator

Previous Campus Activities: Pre-Medical Club, Campus Ministry, Intramural volleyball and Cross-Country.

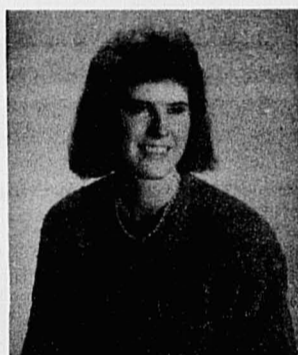
"I would like to get students more interested and involved in campus activities and more aware of the opportunities the school has to offer."



Patrick Charles Wood, Junior, Communications and English Major, Candidate For: PAVA Senator

Previous Campus Activities: Housing Officer, RHA Advisor and member, Communications Club, Yearbook Editor, Newspaper, Social Concerns, Drama Club, Minority Student Task Force, Student Affairs Staff, New Student Orientation Leader.

"I feel I could accomplish many things if given ample time and support. I would like to see Avila develop a definite "tradition" and a sense of student ownership and pride in the institution."



Erin Gibbons, Junior, Psychology/Nursing Major, Candidate For: Education/Psychology Senator

Previous Campus Activities: SUB Special Events Coordinator, 1986-87 Education/Psychology Senator (A.S.G.), Intramural Co-Coordinator, Avila Ambassador, Treasurer of Student Nurses Organization.

"I feel I can bring my experience from the 1986-87 government year and add strength to the coming year's Senate. I am very willing to coordinate/carry out any and all activities assigned to me by the executive board."



Peggy Murphy, Sophomore, Chemistry/Medical Technician Major, Candidate For: NAHSM Senator

Previous Campus Activities: Avila Health Fair, Blood Drive, Medical Technician Association, Avila Mock Trial Team, RHA, Intramurals.

"One of my major goals as Student Government Senator would be to try to increase involvement in campus activities. This is the one area which I believe really needs improvement here at Avila."



Gina Shay, Freshman, Pre-Med Major, Candidate For: NAHSM Senator

Previous Campus Activities: Yearbook, Campus Ministry, Social Justice Group, Student Government.

"I would like to continue with the idea of open student forums to give everyone a chance to voice their opinions. I would also like to be able to involve more commuters in campus activities and to make sure that there are some activities geared toward non-traditional students."



Debbie Wernsman, Sophomore, Marketing Major, Candidate For: Business Senator

Previous Campus Activities: Avila Ambassador, Residential Hall Government, Residential Hall Association, Yearbook, Student Government-RHA Senator.

"I would like to see the business department become a department with more status. I feel that the business department should be given more recognition to make this department be known to students as a multi-faceted department that gives a student opportunities and choices."



Cynthia Cook, Sophomore, Nursing Major, Candidate For: Nursing Department Senator

Previous Campus Activities: Student Government President 1986-87, RHA, Student Senate Intern, Intramurals, Cheerleader, Health Fair.

"I will work toward improving communications within my particular department between the students, faculty, and staff. I will be available for my constituents and provide them with vital information concerning the school. I will also help to improve communications between all of the departments for it is important to keep information lines in existence if a senate is to fulfill its purpose. Also, due to my previous Senate experience I feel I can offer leadership to new Senate members."

Dave Wopat Comes to Avila

Singer/songwriter Dave Wopat will bring his mellow rock talents to Avila on Thursday, April 30, at 8:30 p.m. Brother of TV's "Dukes of Hazzard" star Tom Wopat, Dave is a rising star in the music business. Playing mostly songs he writes, Wopat blends his vocals with guitar and synthesizer orchestration. He also likes to perform memorable hits from important artists of the past. This concert will take place on the quad between the Ridgway and Carondelet halls. In case of rain, the show will be moved to the Actor's Laboratory Theatre.

Avila Plays Role in Campus Kaleidoscope

"How do you grade it? — Mandatory Drug Testing" is the focus of this year's Campus Kaleidoscope program being held in the courtroom, UMKC Law School, 52nd & Oak, 7-9:15 p.m., Wednesday, April 22nd. Avila will be joining seven other area colleges/universities/seminaries taking place in the event. Campus Kaleidoscope is a project sponsored by the Greater K.C. Region National Conference of Christians and Jews. Fourteen regions are participating in the United States.

The purpose of Campus Kaleidoscope is to encourage dialogue and discussion on national issues, with particular emphasis on the ethical implications of the issue.

Students from participating schools will act as members of the Board of Trustees of the K.C. Mythical College. Avila representatives include Deb Wernsman, Patrick Wood and Cindy Cook. The board will be discussing whether or not to implement a mandatory drug testing policy. The board will be hearing testimonies from student and community leaders representing athletes, scientists, board of trustees, attorneys, counselors, and pharmacists. While the board is deliberating, the audience will decide their position on the mandatory drug testing issue through a group discussion.

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge, but reservations are requested. For further information, please call the NCCJ office, 221-0688.

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Avila College For Social Concerns

by Tim Barchak

Avila College for Social Concerns is an organization dedicated to educating the Avila community about issues of social justice. "Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." John Donne wrote those words in 1623, but the challenge remains for every generation to answer. The bell continues its mournful tolling. It peals with the resounding of hunger, social injustice, exploitation, war — an ancient and weary litany of human misery. We are not allowed, however, to despair; by and by sweeter sounds are whispered in the wind, consoling and inviting like the words of Tennyson, "Come, my friends, 'Tis not too late to seek a newer world." It is in this spirit that ACSC rejects the institutions, attitudes and arrogance that suggest, "there are no solutions." We are resolved to study many of the world's problems and to share some of our insights with the Avila community.

ACSC is currently studying hunger and will run a series of articles in the **Avila Examiner**. Our object is to present the reality of hunger and to suggest possible causes and solutions.

Women, Power and Policy

The Organization of Politics & Public Administration (OPPA) presented **Women, Power & Policy** on Wednesday, April 15th in Whitfield Center. The forum included three prominent women in the Kansas City Metropolitan area: Jackson County Circuit Court, Judge, Edith Messina; Prairie Village, City Administrator, Barbara Vernon; and Independence, Mayor, Barbara Potts. The topic for discussion was "women's use of power in the public sector." Each participant spoke on power and policy relative to their position, followed by a question-answer period. Those attending were also able to visit with these "powerful" women in a reception following the program.

OPPA has also hosted several V.I.P.P. (Very Important Public Person) speakers this year, including: Kansas City, City Manager, Dave Olsen; Avila's President, Dr. Larry Kramer; and Avila Instructor, Jack Ridgway. Several members from OPPA have recently returned from the National Convention of the American Society for Public Administration. The conference was held in Boston, Massachusetts and was entitled, "The Spirit of Democracy." Avila was represented well by Dr. Mosher, the club advisor, in his presentation on "The Future of Health Care."

Plans are now being made for a promising year ahead. If you are interested in participating in OPPA activities, you may contact Dr. Steven Mosher for details. All majors are welcomed.

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What: Campus Kaleidoscope: How do **you** grade it? — Mandatory Drug Testing.

Where: Courtroom, UMKC School of Law, 52nd and Oak.

When: Wednesday, April 22nd, 7:00-9:15 p.m.

How 'Bout That Cafeteria Food!

by Linda Bleyenbergh

So you don't like the pizza we had last week. Or the cream of yuk-a-puk the week before! Don't think you're getting your money's worth with SAGA food? Consider starvation. Millions of people are hungry; hungrier than you could ever imagine. They would jump at the chance to eat the food you leave on your plate. A shocking disbelief overcomes me as I dump massive amounts of leftovers into the garbage disposal. What a waste!

I guess we're all pretty lucky we can afford to throw food away. But what about those who can't even afford to feed themselves? How do these people survive? There are only a few shelters for the homeless and soup kitchens and food pantries are sparsely equipped to handle the demand. A nationwide surge to feed the hungry is a goal that only a select few show interest in.

An all-out attitude adjustment toward the quality of food we eat is necessary before we can recognize the difference between those who don't like food and those who don't have food.

Consider how lucky you are the next time you leave food on your tray. That little extra could have saved someone's life.

Who Cares?

by Todd Perkins

Aren't you hungry for Burger King now? It's a great time for the great taste of McDonalds! Domino's pizza delivers! Have you ever wanted something to eat and couldn't afford it? I mean, after all, we are college students. But what if this happened a lot, say, all the time?

You have two bucks to last you till the end of the week. Fine. "I'll just have to eat dorm food," you say. Now consider what you'd do if you were in the same situation and didn't have the school cafeteria or your parents to fall back on. IT'S NOT A VERY COMFORTABLE THOUGHT, IS IT? Could you live on 89¢ a meal? That's what food service budgets per person per meal, although costs run closer to \$1.25. Food is expensive. That's a fact we all must deal with eventually. Yet, you can plan a meal consisting of salad, soup, stew, bread, and canned fruit for less than 75¢ a person. It's not easy, but canned fruit for less than 75¢ a person. It's not easy, but it can be done.

Shalom House, which provides food and shelter for the poor, spent approximately \$185 for food LAST YEAR. That's right, for the whole year. They grew vegetables in their gardens, and received donations of leftovers from the Salvation Army and Catholic Worker House. "Ah,"

you say, "they get donations, and only feed a few bums probably." Wrong. Shalom House feeds and houses 25 extremely poor adults. Many can't read or write, some have language problems. But they are easily as capable as you or me or your next door neighbor. They have jobs — taking care of their garden and fixing up the house — they're working to stay alive.

Let's face the facts. We've got it pretty easy. We probably should even feel guilty, but we don't. It's a shame, a crying shame. I'm not saying we should give up everything we or our parents have worked hard to get, but let's try to be aware of what's going on. From there, we can help as much as our conscience tells us to. First, however, we have to know and to care.

There are many ways to help, to show you care. Giving money is the easiest, it requires no time or effort. However, places like Catholic Worker House need people that are willing to work a few hours a week in a serving line, to help cook or a million other small jobs. Churches need people to help distribute canned foods. The St. Vincent DePaul society needs people to help. Don't stop giving money, but also, give some time. Show you care. Hunger isn't just in Ethiopia, it's right HERE. You can

Soup Kitchen Theology

by Gina Shay

Coal-black hands clung tight to the tan plastic. "How ya doin'?" I smiled as chili spread across the shakey plate. "Not too good today," he answered. "But, the Good Lord sees fit to leave me here a while longer." Between the red snap-on jacket and black satin pants, a silver chain chased the path to his wallet. Serving another, I almost missed his "Thanks. And, God bless you!"

I'm Hungry

by Patrick Wood

My stomach growls, I am weak.

I survey the kitchen, there is nothing to eat.

I check my wallet, it is bare.

I look to my neighbor, he does not care.

I search the streets, garbage begins to look sweet.

I am hungry inside. It is hard to survive. With each passing day I gradually fade away.

make a difference. Next time you spend \$3.00 for a burger, fries and a coke, remember that you could completely feed people who only live miles away who are struggling to make ends meet.

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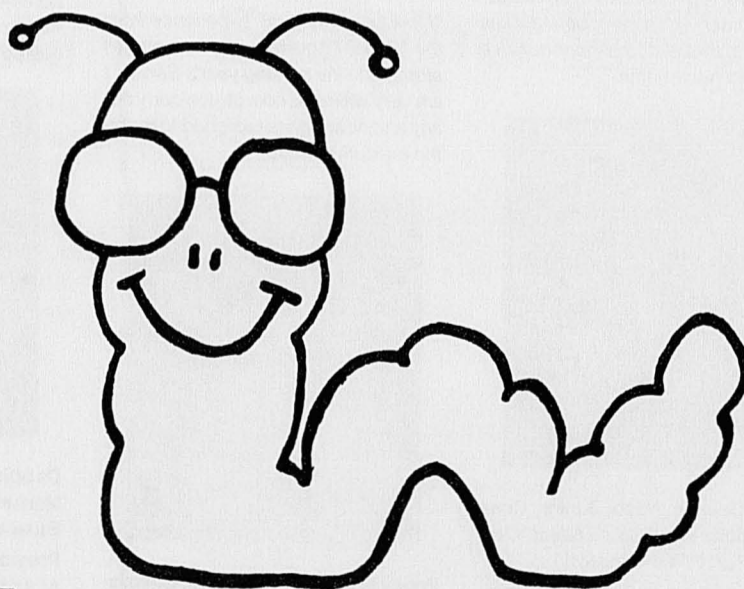
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